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We've got a huge guide to the pantos in the area inside

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SECRET SANTAS

CLASS ACT: Two pupils approach an elderly lady at a bus stop to deliver an unexpected Christmas gift

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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The elderly woman at the bus stop must have been a little anxious about the schoolboys approaching her on a rainswept December day.

The mischievous smiles on their faces told her they were up to something but what could it be?

And then they were standing in front of her and handing something over - a Christmas gift from the maths class that watched the lady at the bus stop every day.

From their classroom window, the students at Parker E-ACT Academy in Daventry saw the woman waiting for the bus in all weathers with her trusty trolley bag.

They have grown so fond of her, that they look out for the pensioner every maths lesson, and have even given her the nickname 'Mabel'.

So the pupils decided to hold a whip round and buy her a gift and card for Christmas.

And then on Friday, the last term day before they broke up for the Christmas break, pupils Nathan and William walked down to the bus stop to carry out the act of goodwill.

After giving 'Mabel' the gift - a tin of biscuits - and the card, she thanked the pair with a big smile on her face, before turning to the classroom and waving to the overjoyed pupils.

Senior Vice Principal, Jenny Gatley, said: "Together with the students, we watched the lady as she was approached by the two students, there were gasps of delight when she waved at us all gathered at the classroom window.

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#Snapjustice knows that everyone has got an excuse and they all stink.

This is a photograph sent in by an angry reader of a Ferrari parked in disabled bay, despite the rest of the car park being empty.

The picture was snapped in Weedon Road, Northampton.

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text 2 text

This week's Txt 2 Txt is with Olivia Greene who is a cast member of The 39 Steps

Where is your favourite spot in the world?

Tokyo - I worked out there for a time. I adore their culture

If there was a drink called Olivia Greene what would it be?

A long cocktail with a green olive!

What was the last book you read?

David Copperfield – I really enjoy Charles Dickens' writing style

What animal spirit would you be?

A lion

When was the last time you cried?

I'm sure it was over some cute puppies or something on Facebook

What is your favourite sandwich?

Christmas sandwich. With all the trimmings

What was the name of your teddy bear when you were a child?

I used to be obsessed with cuddly toys – half my bed was covered! I had a favourite blanket called ganket

What would be your motto?

Feel the fear and do it anyway

Editor's Letter

Christmas isn't supposed to feel like Christmas . . .

Here it is again, Christmas, not feeling like it's Christmas.

Do you ever say that? I do in a humbuggy way.

When you have to work over the holiday or reduce it to a list of things you can or cannot afford or you groan at the thought of the social obligations it brings...

Is Christmas broken? Have we lost sight of what it really means?

I suppose what I really mean is that it doesn't feel like it did when I was a kid.

The magic ebbs away as you get older – the more behind-the-scenes information your acquire the less magical it gets.

It's as inevitable as growing up.

Things have to be paid for, work has to be done.

When you are a child, Christmas is the time you are entitled to wish for the impossible but when you are a parent it is all about firmly anchoring yourself to the possible just to get through it.

But of course it doesn't feel like Christmas, because it really shouldn't feel like last year's Christmas, or last century's Christmas.

> "Who wants a Victorian Christmas or a Medieval Christmas with rickets, plagues and no telly?"

(And thank goodness it doesn't, who wants a Victorian Christmas or a Medieval Christmas with rickets, plagues and no telly?)

Probably more than any other time, Christmas is a time for living 'in the moment'.

It's a ready made excuse for offsetting the midwinter bleakness with a bit of loving and giving that does not need to be deserved or explained.

If you see Christmas in a cynical way, or through a prism of religious scepticism, you are overlooking what a supreme human achievement it is.

Somewhere way back in the early days of civilization, in defiance of the howling depths of winter, humanity - basically a gang of soft-skinned hairless apes - decided to have a party.

And that tradition is still going strong.

Good luck to you all, whatever your beliefs or disbeliefs, you are so very cool each and every one of you...

Steve Scoles

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cop car attack

Vandals smashed the rear window of a police car which was parked in Daventry.

A large stone was thrown through the back window of the Vauxhall Astra while it was parked in Tovey Drive on Thursday, December 17.

In the news

Two former newspaper offices are set to be changed into flats and a supermarket.

The H&P offices are to be converted into 64 apartments, and an Aldi supermarket and 19 houses will be built on the site of the Chronicle & Echo.

Eyesore fined

Neil Breen of Home Farm, Abthorpe, was fined £200 after failing to clean up an eyesore.

He was ordered to pay £337 costs following the prosecution by SNC.

Teen assaulted

A teenage boy was seriously assaulted in Wellingborough on Friday afternoon.

The incident happened in Nest Farm Crescent at about 4.15pm and left the 17-year-old victim needing hospital treatment.

Christmas Day

The Umbrella Fair organisation is opening the Racecourse Pavilion on Christmas Day from 11am for a day of free festivities. There will be a roast dinner. If you are on your own you are particularly welcome.

See more online Go to www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk

STAR WALLS: Graffiti artists have decorated a disused Northampton pub

May the Horse be with you. . .

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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The force has awoken at a derelict pub in Northampton where a Star Wars mural has been created – and it is already capturing lots of attention.

The former White Horse pub in Kingsthorpe, which closed in 2009, came out of the dark side this week when the striking paintings popped up on its walls.

Darth Vader, Stormtroopers, Yoda, Jawas and Figrin D'an and the Modal Nodes are the stars of the colourful graffiti, which has appeared on the pub on Harborough Road since Wednesday.

The hashtag #MayTheHorse BeWithYou has been scribbled underneath the paintings by the artists, whose identities so far remain a mystery.

"I just saw a couple of lads putting some posters up on the window which already had the art work scribbled on them," said Laurence Johnson, the owner of the nearby Swift Electrical shop.

"Straight away I could see the characters of Star Wars on them and I just thought it was absolutely brilliant.

"It is a much better use of the building, because at the moment it just looks derelict."

On the eye-catching mural, Stormtroopers are shown to be playing darts and a game of snooker, while bad guy Darth Vader appears to have taken on the role of bouncer.

Do you know the mystery artists? If so, get in touch by by calling 07500 893486,

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Linda's a top carer

The skills and compassion of an East Northamptonshire care giver, Linda Scott, have recently recognised by her colleagues.

She was nominated for the national Home Instead Senior Care 'Caregiver of the Year' award. for which she was one of just 12 finalists, across 160 offices.

Top of the class

Two pupils, Grace and Tillie, from Standen Barns Primary School, scooped the top prizes in a competition run by Weston Favell Shopping Centre.

As it celebrates its 40th year it asked local schools to get involved in their Favell of the Future initiative.

Doing things to the letter

Lawrence John goes behind the scenes with Royal Mail in Kettering at Christmas

Every day houses and businesses in Northamptonshire receive millions of cards, letters and parcels.

If you were to measure the amount of mail delivered across the county throughout the year it would be billions of items, with a huge proportion of this being delivered by Royal Mail during November and December.

Getting the mail to our doorsteps is a process backed up by a professional and finely tuned machine, otherwise known as the posties of the Royal Mail.

The Royal Mail has been delivering post in this country for 499 years – it started in 1516. Every day, every year, Royal Mail is delivering our internet purchases or delivering our birthday cards or now our Christmas cards and Christmas presents which are keeping the posties busy.

To find out the impact the additional Christmas deliveries have on the system, I visited the sorting office in Kettering. 180 staff work out of here, including 110 posties and 10 parcel delivery men and women.

During the Christmas period the office takes on another 10 temporary parcel delivery staff to cope with demand.

Staff at the office say they first notice a surge in the amount of parcels they have to deliver from November. This is directly related to internet shopping, which is increasing the demand on Royal Mail at this time of the year. It means normally there would be 700 tracked parcels coming through the office, but in the last two months of the year this rises to 1,700.

Manager at the Kettering Sorting office, Andy Catlett said: "Mail arrives at the sorting office at 2am from Swan Valley (based in Northampton and the county's main sorting office). The mail for the borough comes in here as does the mail which is collected in the post boxes."

The posties I spoke to agreed they have all gained 'the knowledge' of where houses are even if the streets name or numbering go all over the place. Some of the people who work in the rural sorting department have delivered mail to at least two generations of the same families in the villages.

I got the feeling this was a tight knit family of workers.

They were looking out for each other but they were also looking out and caring about the people they delivered the mail to.

CHRISTMAS DELIVERY: Busy at work in Kettering and, below, sorting office manager Andy Catlett

Top 5

Annual events to enjoy in the county

Here are five top class events in Northamptonshire to mark on your calendar for 2016

1 Making history again, Rowell Fair celebrates the granting of a charter to Rothwell by King John on May 23

2 The Crick Boat Show will be held on May 29-30, with the usual water-borne and land based attractions.

3 The Hollowell Steam Rally is on a roll as the county's popular event marks its 100th anniversary on July 2 and 3

4 Silverstone will host the Formula 1 British Grand Prix from July 8 to 10, as thousands lap up racing thrills

5 Contenders take a swing at the title as the World Conker Championships are held at Southwick on October 9

Plan looking at joining up forces

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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Northamptonshire police could be merged with forces in Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire.

That was the conclusion of a meeting of the Chief Officers and Police and Crime Commissioners from the three counties.

Following months of work by a project team of officers and staff from all three forces, the Chief Officers and PCCs agreed that the 'proof of concept' work was persuasive.

At a meeting held last week, the overarching view was that there is a real potential for the creation of a single policing model for all three forces.

As a result it was agreed a more detailed business case will now be developed to define what such an alliance could constitute, with an intention to introduce unified leadership, a single way of working, uniformity in systems, training, policy and procedures, across the three forces.

PCC Adam Simmonds said: "We have already scoped out an exciting programme of work and activity to enable better value and efficiency and effectiveness for our respective communities. We believe for instance that we need to enable the public to engage with the police in ways fit for the 21st century and we have therefore identified 'contact management' as a key and pressing area for early and deep collaboration as three forces not as individual ones.

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Stiff upper lips go with Christmas knits

The stars of Royal & Derngate's 39 Steps shine in their varied collection of Christmas jumpers. Here is Richard Ede in his magnificent winter wonderland wooly.

Not to be left out, the rest of the cast pulled on their festive natty knitwear.

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The Fellowship, an independent local charity which opened its doors in December 1994, aims to meet a variety of personal needs – everything from complex mental health issues and drug and alcohol abuse to homelessness and isolation. Over the coming cold weeks it will be offering much-needed hot lunches and a warm place to meet to its users.

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15 year jail sentence for domestic violence

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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A man who carried out a string of domestic violence offences has been jailed for 15 years.

He has also been placed on the Sex Offender' s Register for life.

Dean Futter, aged 25, from Orchard Close, Orlingbury, near Kettering, was sentenced to a total of 15 years imprisonment.

His sentence, which was handed out at Northampton Crown Court was made up of the following:

- Sexual assault – 12 years, plus three years extended licence.
- Threats to kill – Four years (to run concurrently).
- Assault causing actual bodily harm – 16 months (to run concurrently)
- Perverting the course of justice – one year (to run concurrently)
- Wounding and inflicting grievous bodily harm – three years (to run concurrently).

He was sentenced at Northampton Crown Court on 30 November 2015.

Northampton Women's Aid operate a 24 hour helpline – call 0845 123 2311 for help and advice. If you are in immediate danger call the police on 999 or 101.

LOCKED UP: Menace to women, Dean Futter

Firefighters aim to climb as high as Everest in one day

Firefighters will today be scaling the heights of Wellingborough's Swansgate Shopping Centre as part of an all-day charity ladder climb event.

Crew members from Wellingborough Fire Station will be attempting to continually climb a 10-metre ladder, between 10am and 4pm, to raise money for The Fire Fighters Charity.

Fire officers have set their sights high this year as they are aiming to beat the impressive achievements made by Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service when the challenge was tackled in 2012.

During that event three years ago, the ladder was climbed 848 times, amounting to 8848 metres – equal to the height of Mount Everest.

Police Chief on panel to debate legal highs issue

The Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police is due to take part in a debate looking at how to tackle the sale of so-called 'legal highs'.

Chief Constable Simon Edens will be part of a panel of experts in January which will discuss the issue during a debate to be held in Barton Seagrave next month.

The event has been organised by Kettering-based drug awareness charity, Solve It, which has carried out work with Northamptonshire Police to raise awareness about legal highs in the past.

It will be held at Latimer Arts College in Barton Seagrave from 6.30pm until 9pm on Wednesday, January 13.

The event is free for anyone to attend.

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MEDIA SCRUM: Topping out ceremony at Northampton International Academy on Tuesday

Academy marks crucial milestone

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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Northampton International Academy marked a crucial milestone in its construction at a landmark topping out ceremony on on Tuesday.

The topping out event was celebrated by Cabinet Member for Learning Skills and Education, Cllr Matthew Golby and David McIntosh MP, for Northampton South, who attended the event to mark the moment when the stripping out of the former Post Office building was completed.

They were joined by new Executive Principal of NIA, Andy Hardy, and representatives from EMLC Academy Trust, the sponsor of the new academy, and school improvement partner Third Wave Enterprises.

The most important guests were future pupils who have already applied for a place at the new academy, and their parents.

Jan Marshall, CEO of EMLC Academy Trust said: "This is an important milestone for NIA.

"Everything is on track to open our new school to the first cohort of students in September. Building work is happening at a pace, and is on schedule,. We are recruiting dedicated and talented staff and local families are signing up for places at the academy. Be a part of it. You can apply for a place for your child online – please do so at www.nia.uk.com."

Cllr Matthew Golby, Northamptonshire County Council cabinet member for learning, skills and education, said: "This is an exciting project that will regenerate a prominent derelict site and help us to meet the need for additional school places in Northampton.

"I am very much looking forward to seeing the project develop over the coming months."

From September, up to 60 pupils will be able to enter reception class and 300 pupils will be able to join Year 7.

The academy will eventually grow by the year 2022 to take in 2,220 pupils – made up of 420 primary, 1,500 secondary and 300 pupils over the age of 16.

Duncan Mills, Managing Director of EMLC Academy Trust which sponsors NIA, said: "We're delighted to celebrate this important milestone in the construction of Northampton International Academy."

Argument ends in assault

Police are appealing for witnesses after a a woman was assaulted in a parking area in Eastbrook, following a dispute with a taxi driver

The assault happened in Kingswood, Corby, on Saturday night between 10.45pm and 11.15pm, .

The woman suffered broken ribs and cuts to her leg, which required hospital treatment.

Witnesses should call the police on 101.

Street to be closed for revels

Bridge Street, Northampton is set to be closed to traffic during four of the busiest nights of the year as part of a public safety initiative.

Between 11pm and 4.30am on 24, 26 and 31 December, and 1 January, barriers will be placed on the top and bottom of Bridge Street restricting access to vehicles.

The closure is to increase safety, reduce congestion and cut the risk of crime and disorder.

YourVoice

Herald & Post MUSTHAVE Courses

Alex Brinnand, marketing assistant at Moulton College must have the new part-time guides for 2016.
He said: "My New Year's resolution is to try and complete a course each term – but I can't decide whether to start with dog grooming or chainsaw for the home user. We're sending out loads so contact Moulton College to get one."

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Welcome to our regular feature where we invite people to tell us why we should follow them on Twitter. Tweet us @NorthamptonUK and you will see the best ones here.

This week you can get some inspiration for something a little extra special at home from Bells of Northampton.

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BLOGGER OF THE WEEK Reclaim your Christmas

Lawrence John

Northants Herald & Post reporter, lawrence John writes a weekly blog which can be seen on line at www. northampton-news-hp. co.uk
This is the latest.

Christmas has changed.

What we believe it should be, what it could be and what it actually is has been whittled away and we should stop it from happening.

It should be a time when you are away from work, a time to rest, to relax and spend time with your family, however small or large it happens to be.

But the modern world is slowly ripping it apart and will not stop until Christmas is reduced to a kind of birthday for us all. When we have cards, we have presents and then it is a normal day. Are we not there yet?

I stood in line at a supermarket check out and saw the opening times for the next two weeks. Out of 14 days, this large supermarket chain would be open 24 hours a day for seven of the days and then various extended hours for the other days. It was only going to be closed on Christmas Day and only as it was a religious holiday. This is all that saves it from being opened up and ready for business.

How long before the supermarkets or shopping malls open on Christmas Day? I cannot believe stores need to be open for as long and as many times. Why?

Have customers been asking for it? Have they been demanding supermarkets should open 24 hours? No, it has crept in like a stealthy smell.

We all see it has happened but, as I said, I do not know anyone who has asked for it. Have the staff at the supermarkets? Have shoppers?

Who came up with the bright idea? I can see the reason of not having everyone shopping in a small number of hours but going family shopping between 2am and 4am – are you having a laugh? We need to reclaim Christmas. We all need to make sure we turn back the clock and save Christmas from the business Grinch.

We should have a Christmas where everyone gets time off. We need to strike a balance between necessity, like those categories I have mentioned and other sectors of working life. We could all survive with stores being shut on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Everyone deserves a break, everyone deserves a Christmas.

Do not let business take your Christmas away from you.

> It will not stop until Christmas is reduced to a kind of birthday for us all

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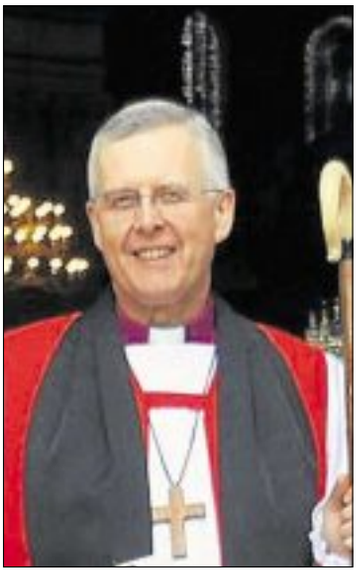
Christmas Message

"In many ways 2015 hasn't been the best of years.
Terrorist violence in Europe and America as well is continuing on a huge scale in the Middle East and North Africa.
Vicious persecution of religious minorities: people beheaded or crucified, raped or tortured, for no other reason than that they are Christians, or the wrong sort of Muslims, or Sikhs.
The enormous refugee problem, with thousands drowning in the Mediterranean and millions looking for safety wherever they can find it; Parliament voting for an extension of military engagement into Syria; Extreme weather events; Child abuse and safeguarding cases, both historical and current, shocking us all and overwhelming the police. And, I'm sure, personal sadness or difficulties for many of you.
Can the Christmas story really speak into the brokenness of our world? Or is it just a bit of escapism, in the same vein as overdone shopping and parties, the new Star Wars film and whatever is on the telly over Christmas? I would say this, wouldn't I? But I really do believe that the message of God coming into our world, as a vulnerable baby, becoming a refugee, suffering hardship and persecution, relying on strangers for a bed, for the next meal, and ultimately for a tomb: God really entering and knowing our human condition – that message is exactly what we need to hear today.
Jesus Christ knows what we go through. He knows about bereavement, loss, betrayal. He knows about humanity's enormous capacity for inhumanity.
And when people suffer today: hunger, pain, loss, fear, confusion: he has been there and can be with us in that. And when we mess up and bring suffering on ourselves: he is alongside us and also to forgive and accept us.
Have a wonderful Christmas.
Know Jesus at the heart of it all."

The Bishop of Peterborough
Donald Allister



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Charlie loses an eye after being shot

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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Charlie the cat has ben shot in the face with a pellet gun for the second time in less than a year.

Charlie from Wellingborough has been shot with a pellet gun for the second time in the Oak View area sometime between 8.45am and 3.50pm on Tuesday, December 15.

As a result of the attack, he had to have an eye removed and a pellet was found lodged in his neck.

The pellet also injured his mouth.

Charlie, who is described as a very friendly cat, was also shot with a pellet in February this year, when he also received injuries to his face.

Officers investigating the case believe he may be being targeted as there are other cats in the area who have not been shot at.

Witnesses, or anyone who knows anything about this incident, are asked to call Northamptonshire Police on 101.

Alternatively, they can call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or use the anonymous online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

NINE LIVES: Charlie the cat has used two up after being shot twice in one year

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Tuesday	Other Medical collapse RTC – pedestrian Fall Medical collapse
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Emotional family

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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"I'm worried", my grandad says. "What if they still hate us?"

A German Jew living in Northampton, my 79-year-old grandfather will always remain haunted by the prospect of stepping foot into a nation with such a cruel past.

Never will he be able to forgive a country forever tarnished by the Nazi Holocaust which killed his own mum and dad – all in an attempt to wipe out an entire race.

Nor will he forget the dark memories that would follow his escape via Kinder-transport at the age of three, being forced to grow up as an orphan in the hustle and bustle of London.

But after much soul searching, my grandad, Leslie, decided to make the trip to his birth-place of Berlin with me, his grandson, his wife Kay, my grandma, and daughter, Rosalind, my mum.

Originally, me and my mum wanted to make the trip purely to see the Christmas markets.

But despite the festivities, the deep and raw connection our family had with the city would take us to locations that would become the highlights of our trip. Places that would we send us on a roller-coaster of emotions.

One of those places was the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. Never has a monument – or in this case, a forest of pillars – moved us as much as this did.

This is a vast grid of 2,711 concrete pillars, all of which referenced the tombstones of the six million Jews who were slaughtered at the hands of the Nazis.

Each and every pillar across the huge 4.7 acre site varied in height, some lifting off the ground by several centimeters, and some towering over our heads at 14 foot.

The atmosphere was sombre. It was so silent, you could a penny drop. You felt like you had stepped foot inside a cathedral.

HOPE TRIUMPHS: Nicholas Bieber with his grandparents, Leslie and Kay at the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe and, right, the Menorah candle holder

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return to Berlin

As we walked around the maze of pillars, each growing taller and taller above us as we edged closer to the middle, I couldn't help but feel such a strong emotion of sadess. With a heavy heart, I was beginning to understand even more of the scale of destruction caused by Hitler's evil ideology.

My grandad shed a tear at one moment - and without asking I just knew he would've been thinking about his mum and dad. It was a rare moment though. He has never been one to show his emotions, not my grandad - he's too 'tough' for that!

But that feeling of being trapped is something which would have broken his heart - as it was in the gas chamber at Auschwitz where his mum and dad's lives came to a devastating end.

Behind the Brandenburg Gate we discovered another monument that had a strong connection with the Bieber family - in the form of a candle holder Menorah, the largest of its kind in Europe.

It was erected in 2013 to celebrate the annual occasion that is Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights. And if there was ever a monument that expressed the changes that Berlin has seen since the Nazi regime, it was this.

To have a Jewish monument right in the centre of Berlin, once Hitler's turf, was in my mind the 21st century sticking its two fingers up at the Nazis. The feeling of satisfaction while looking at this magnificent structure was something special.

And when my grandad said 'maybe they don't hate us after all?' - that pretty much summed it all up.

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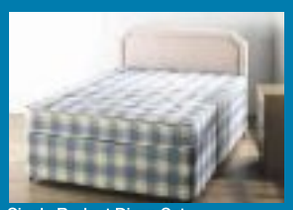

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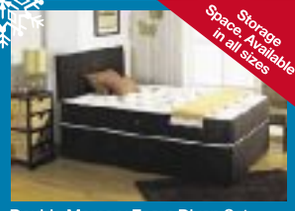

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Panto guide

Thursday, December 24, 2015

It's that time of the year again – oh yes, it is - when the panto season is well and truly under way. But for many of you, finding a panto and deciding which one to go to is never an easy task. So we have taken the liberty of making it all a little easier for you, by putting together a guide of pantos in and around our region - including Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Milton Keynes and Cambridge.
This year's offerings, listed below, include the fairy tale of Cinderella (in three theatres across our region!), a certain Beauty and The Beast, Jack and the Beanstalk and Aladdin.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
Royal and Derngate theatre: Cinderella
The famous rags-to-riches fairy tale is brought magically to life by a wonderful cast led by actor, dancer, singer and television presenter John Partridge (EastEnders). He is joined by CBeebies legend Sid Sloane, as well as impressionist Danny Posthill and vocalist Alison Jiear, both fresh from their appearance on this year's Britain's Got Talent.

Packed with all of the traditional Royal & Derngate pantomime ingredients its audiences have come to expect, Cinderella features stunning scenery, plenty of boos and hisses, incredible music and dancing, plus Pegasus, the amazing flying horse – all of which will ensure that you will have a ball.
When: Until January 3, 2016
Tickets: From £11 - £28
Book: Visit www.royalandderngate.co.uk/ or call 01604 624811.

The Deco theatre: Beauty and The Beast
This spellbinding all family pantomime is full of music, magic and mayhem, special effects, breathtaking sets, loads of laughs and lavish costumes.

The Deco's magical pantomime tells the story of Beauty, the beautiful daughter of the mayor of the town Stoney-broke, She longs for romance, excitement and adventure, but little does she realise they will come when she becomes the prisoner of a monstrous Beast in return for her father's freedom.

The Beast (really a handsome Prince) must learn to love and be loved – only then will he regain his true form and live – yes, you've guessed it – happily ever after but he must do this before the last petal of an enchanted rose falls or he will be forever a beast!

Coronation Street's Nick Cochrane (Andy McDonald) plays Silly Billy, X factor finalist Lydia Lucy is Beauty, Hollyoaks' Karl James Wilson performs as the Beast/Prince, and Emmerdale and Midsommer Murder's Tony Howes is Nurse Jackie O lala.
When: Until December 29, 2015
Tickets: From £15.50 - £20.50
Book: Visit www.thedeco.co.uk or call 01604 622749.

Kettering Lighthouse theatre: Jack and the Beanstalk.
Fee-Fi-Fo Fum – he's 12ft tall with a hairy – beard, and we don't mean Dame Trott! Join intrepid Jack on the adventure of a lifetime as he bounds up the beanstalk to do battle with Giant Blunderbore. Does Dame Trott finally get her man? Can Simple Simon work out which end of the cow needs milking?

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Will Cinderella meet the man of her dreams? Will Prince Charming win our heroine's heart? And will the Ugly Sisters stop Cinders from going to the ball? All will be revealed this Christmas, in the spectacular pantomime, Cinderella.

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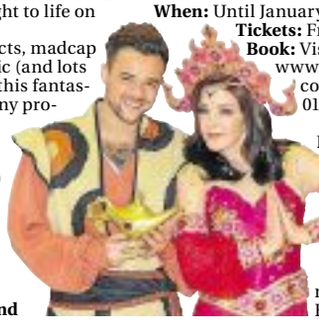

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Milton Keynes Theatre: Aladdin
The former wife of Elvis Presley and world-renowned actress Priscilla Presley, *pictured*, is making dreams come true for Dallas fans and starring as Genie of the Lamp in Milton Keynes Theatre's Christmas pantomime Aladdin this year.

Joining Priscilla is comedian Gary Wilmot in Old Peking as the Chinese Laundry owner, Widow Twankey.

Dance world legend Wayne Sleep brings his own choreographic Genie-us to the show as the Genie of the Ring.

Meanwhile, singer/songwriter ex A1 boyband member and BRIT award winner Ben Adams will be taking the lead role as Aladdin himself.

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CAMBRIDGE
Cambridge Arts theatre: Cinderella
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Can you guess the correct definition from the following three options for the word wiffle waffle?

A) a motion between walking and trotting

B) with one leg on each shoulder

C) to whet one's scythes together

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To Infiniti and beyond with enhanced power and steering

The new 2016 Infiniti Q50 sports saloon is being launched with a number of performance and dynamic upgrades that deliver a more empowering and rewarding drive experience. The comprehensive updates include next-generation ride and handling technologies and all-new advanced turbocharged V6 powertrains.

Making its debut on an Infiniti is the company's second-generation Direct Adaptive Steering™, comprehensively modified from the ground-breaking first-generation system. The standard steering mode now offers advanced levels of steering feel and feedback – more akin to that of a conventional steering system.

The new Q50 also features Infiniti's Dynamic Digital Suspension (DDS) for the first time, which gives the sports saloon an optimal blend of ride comfort and class-leading response and agility. For those drivers looking for a blend of dynamic settings tailored to their own particular requirements and tastes, the Q50's Drive Mode Selector (DMS) can be augmented with a 'Personal' mode, which permits a bespoke mix of engine, suspension and steering characteristics.

POWERING UP: The Infiniti Q50 sports has been given some dynamic upgrades

Five powertrain options are offered with the Infiniti Q50, and for the 2016 model these include an advanced, all-new 3.0-litre V6 twin-turbo gasoline engine with direct injection. The Q50 was developed from the outset to showcase Infiniti's daring design, dynamic performance and class-leading technologies within the sports saloon segment. Now in its third year, Q50 global sales between January and October 2015 reached almost 50,000 cars – representing a 65% increase compared to the same period in 2014.

A range of new and innovative ride and handling technologies deliver on the promise of the Q50's daring design, and install confidence in all driving conditions.

The changes to DAS – the world's first digital steering system – have been made following extensive consultation with existing Q50 customers around the world and over 625,000 miles of testing.

For the new second generation Direct Adaptive Steering, engineers have optimized the control logic to improve feedback from the road.

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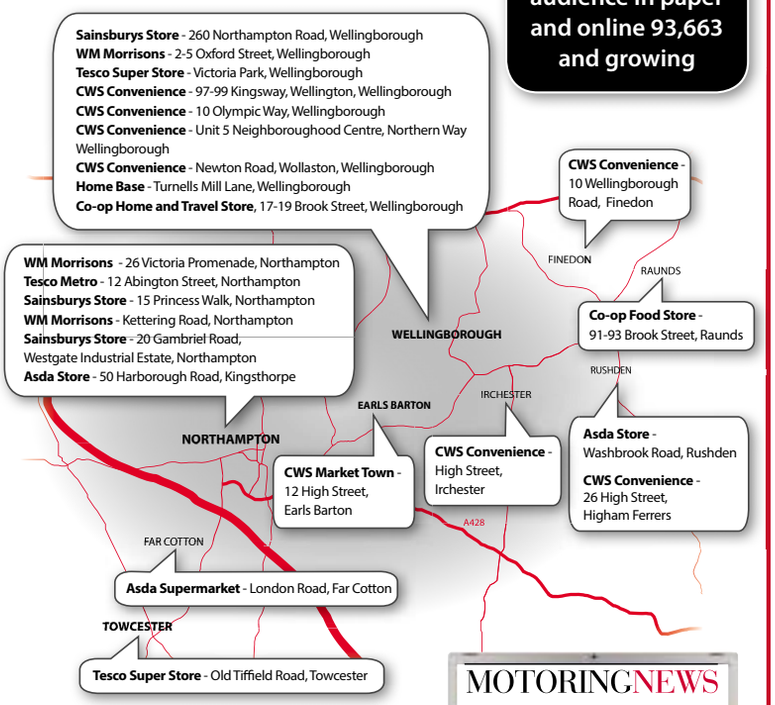

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Honda Civic R Type

Take a look inside...

The Honda Civic Type R returns, this time with 310PS beneath the bonnet thanks to forced induction. Drive goes to the front wheels via a six-speed manual 'box, so no change there, but under the skin, this thing's rammed with trick bits. It looks the real deal.

The headline figures are undeniably impressive. Power comes courtesy of a direct-injected turbocharged 2.0 litre VTEC petrol engine, which really delivers a solid punch of both power and torque. Peak power output is 310PS at 6,500rpm, and peak torque is 400Nm at 2,500rpm. If you still associate hot Hondas with having no torque, it's time to recalibrate. Red-lining at 7,000rpm, the turbocharged four-cylinder engine catapults the Civic to 62mph in 5.7 seconds, which is extremely brisk for a front-wheel drive car. As indeed is the top speed of 167mph. A short-throw six-speed manual transmission will satisfy the purists and the car is equipped with a Brembo brake package, with 350mm drilled discs up front.

The Type R really amps up the otherwise slightly muted styling of the ninth-generation Civic. A new, almost completely flat underside sucks the car onto the road and the rear wing, front splitter and deep side skirts are also demonstrably functional. Big grilles in the bumpers direct cooling air to the engine and brakes. The lightweight 19-inch alloy wheels look pretty mean with their 34-series rubber. The signature colour scheme is Championship White, but the Civic's also offered in pearlescent Crystal Black, metallic Polished Metal, metallic Brilliant Sporty Blue and Milano Red.

The cabin gets the trademark machined-alloy Type R gear lever. High-backed sports seats grip the front occupants with a suede-effect fabric offset by red double stitching. The red highlights continue across the leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearstick gaiter.

The latest Civic Type R makes a whole lot of impressive numbers but the acid test will come against its most talented European rivals. Something tells us that this British-built Honda will manage to inveigle itself into its own niche and feel quite unlike the rest of the field. Type Rs have always been something different, something very special and this one promises to be no different, turbo or otherwise.

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Five Stars For Mercedes-Benz GLC

The Mercedes-Benz GLC has achieved the top score in the Euro NCAP rating. The new mid-size SUV has received five stars, continuing the Mercedes-Benz success story in impressive style. The GLC has achieved five stars for occupant safety, child safety, pedestrian protection and its assistance systems – giving it the maximum score in the Euro NCAP rating.

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Ford Commercial Sales Sail Through 100,000 for 2015

Ford has sold more than 100,000 commercial vehicles (CV) for the year-to-date, the first time sales have passed six figures in a full year since 1989. Ford CV sales for November were at the highest-ever level for more than 25 years, and more than double those of its nearest rival. Ford is on track to record its highest-ever commercial vehicle sales volume for 2015, following a record year in 1989 at 104,721 sales. 2015

marks the Ford Transit's 50th year of market leadership, and the first full year of sales for the expanded Ford Transit range since the Transit Courier was launched in mid-2014.

JAGUAR LAND ROVER CONFIRMS NEW SLOVAKIAN FACTORY

Jaguar Land Rover has confirmed that it will be the first British carmaker to open a manufacturing facility in Slovakia. The announcement follows an agreement between the company and the Government of the Slovak Republic to build a new plant in the city of Nitra. The new world-class £1 billion premium manufacturing facility will eventually employ around 2,800 people. The announcement follows Jaguar Land Rover's recent confirmation to double its investment in its engine plant in the UK to almost £1 billion – the largest injection into a new British manufacturing plant in decades creating several hundred new jobs

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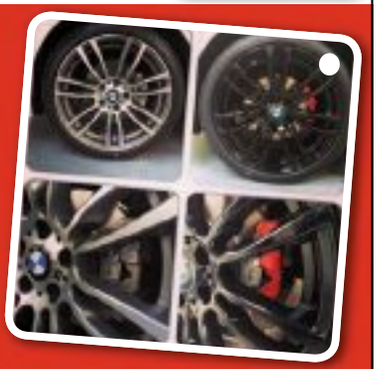

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New Mitsubishi L200 – What Van? Magazine's Big Winner

The Mitsubishi L200 is the 2016 What Van? Light Commercial Vehicle of the Year. The award, from the UK's leading LCV magazine, rewards the new pick-up's massive improvement in interior quality, drive and, crucially for light commercial vehicle operators, efficiency. Mitsubishi collected the coveted trophy at the exclusive What Van? Awards luncheon, held in partnership with fuel card giant Allstar at The Brewery in London on Tuesday 15 December. The L200 also collected the Pick-up of the Year award, while Mitsubishi completed a hat-trick with the Outlander 4Work PHEV winning the What Van? Green Award.

The New SLC – New Name, New Dynamic

In March 2016, 20 years on from the birth of its segment, the archetypal compact roadster is to be relaunched with a new name – SLC – significantly optimised technology and an enhanced look. The name change acknowledges the traditionally close relationship with the C-Class, from which much of the roadster's technology is derived. There are new additions to the model line-up – the sporty top-of-the-line Mercedes-AMG SLC 43 and the entry-level SLC 180. In visual terms, stand-out features include the standard-fit diamond radiator grille and the LED Intelligent Light System (optional extra). Prices will be announced when the SLC is available to order in mid-January 2016, with first cars arriving in showrooms from April 2016.

Hyundai Motor's New Alternative-Fuel Ioniq

A new rendering of Hyundai Motor's all-new IONIQ hints at how the innovative, alternative-fuel compact vehicle, which is due for launch in early 2016, will combine head-turning good looks with class-leading aerodynamic performance. Hyundai Motor has confirmed that the IONIQ will be the world's first car to offer a choice of three efficient and ultra-low-emission powertrains: full electric, plug-in gasoline / electric hybrid, or gasoline / electric hybrid. With a sleek, coupe-like silhouette and numerous eye-catching details, its confident design is a match for its bold environmental credentials

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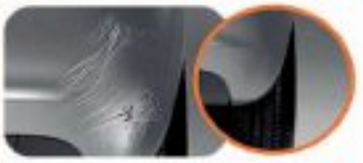

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Northampton Spillway Reservoir Compliance Works

The Environment Agency gives notice that it proposes to undertake improvement works on the spillway of the Northampton Washlands Flood Storage Reservoir on the River Nene in south-east Northampton (NGR: SP 795 602). The works will involve replacing erosion protection on the spillway, channel and control structures; repairing localised rutting and damaged grasscrete; widening the embankment crest width and undertaking required structural improvements; constructing crane pads/turning circles; modifying the flap valve; and repairing spalling concrete.

The Environment Agency considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant effects on the environment and does not intend to prepare an environmental statement in respect of them. A Scheme Information Document detailing potential environmental impacts and mitigation has been produced and a copy is available on request from the Environment Agency officer based in Peterborough at the address given below.

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to the likely environmental effects of the proposed improvement works should do so, in writing, to the address specified below, within 28 days of the date of publication of this notice.

David Watts, Environment Agency, Kingfisher House, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, PE2 5ZR

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
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THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

N/2015/1277 **The Rowans, 54 Back Lane**
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N/2015/0844 **The Penny Whistle, 31 - 33 Abington Square**
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N/2015/1316 **41 Drapery**
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N/2015/1180 **48 Gold Street**
Change of use from A4 (drinking establishment) of ground floor to A1 (shop) and of 1st and 2nd floors into 4no. flats including second storey rear extension and alterations to ground floor frontage (amended scheme). Within a Conservation Area.

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Pompey bring Cobblers' winning run to an end

FOOTBALL

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A late winner from substitute Conor Chaplin ended the Cobblers' run of seven successive wins, as they fell to a narrow 2-1 defeat at home to Portsmouth.

Northampton had taken the lead through Ryan Cresswell's first half header, but Gareth Evans headed in the equaliser before half-time.

Chris Wilder's side were denied twice late on by the woodwork, but Pompey tucked away their late chance with Chaplin's first touch on the field, to close the gap on Town.

The defeat saw the Cobblers relinquish the top spot in League Two, although they are only denied the summit spot on goal difference.

Portsmouth are a huge club at this level, and roared on by a packed away end they made a bright start at Sixfields, with an unmarked Evans nearly connecting with two dangerous crosses into the area to signal his threat.

But the Cobblers have threats of their own, and they certainly don't need gifts such as the one they were given when Adam Webster misjudged a bouncing ball that allowed Richards to race through on goal.

The usually clinical striker fluffed his lines on this occasion, shooting straight at Brian Murphy.

However, the Cobblers made it count from the resulting corner, which was swung in by Joel Byrom for Cresswell to meet at the back post and nod into the top corner to the delight of the home fans.

Throughout their impressive run of form, though, the Cobblers have still conceded goals – and you sensed they needed at least a second to secure a win.

They nearly got one through a superb corner kick routine that involved an intricate passing pattern between a number of players, but the resulting cross from Adams was drilled across the box and evaded everyone, when a single touch would have resulted in a goal.

Had the routine come off it would undoubtedly have gone viral on the internet, much like last week's training ground free-kick that came to fruition against Luton.

Paul Cook's side were playing some decent stuff of their own though, and they deservedly levelled things when Marc McNulty went on a mazy run that saw him produce a pinpoint cross for Evans at the far post.

Evans enjoys a decent scoring record against the Cobblers (his sixth goal against them for a third different club) and though he still had a lot to do with the cross – he got a firm connection on his header to plant the ball in the top corner from a considerable way out. Referee Fred Graham waved away strong offside protests from the hosts.

A noticeable increase in wind levels meant the second half was a largely sloppy affair, although the visitors still looked dangerous on the break with the pacey Lavery and McNulty.

A succession of corners for the Cobblers saw O'Toole go close, before Cresswell thundered a header against the crossbar.

One of the corners did eventually lead to a goal, although it turned out to be a late winner for the visitors when Evans broke on the counter attack and saw his cross/shot deflect for Chaplin, who had been on the pitch for a minute, to turn in from close range.

There was still time for the Cobblers to rattle the woodwork again as Calvert-Lewin headed against the bar from Holmes' cross, but they couldn't salvage a point.

The run had to come to an end at some point, and it can't be denied that it was a team that will be challenging them all the way at the top who achieved it.

FLYING HIGH: Northampton's John-Joe O'Toole heads at goal as the Cobblers fell to defeat for the first time in two months

The way goal was conceded is a 'scandal' says Wilder

Northampton boss Chris Wilder labelled Portsmouth's late winner 'a scandal' - as he bemoaned how his players let the visitors net a winner from their own corner in the 2-1 defeat.

Town went into the 86th minute of this top-of-the-table encounter after a succession of corners that were threatening a late winner to retain their place at the top of League Two.

Instead, Portsmouth broke swiftly from the Cobblers set-piece and Gareth Evans, who had netted Paul Cook's side's first goal, saw his effort palmed by keeper Adam Smith into the path of Conor Chaplin, who tucked in from close range.

Wilder said: "It's an absolute scandal that they score from our corner, because he's gone 70 yards to score a goal. There's no way they should score from our corner.

"We haven't organised ourselves properly, they've broken on us. It's not being negative, but we have to play cautiously in that period without over committing. We would take a draw, that's not being negative. They haven't had to work for their goal and that's really disappointing."

Wilder also had question marks over Pompey's opener from Evans, which had cancelled out an early Cobblers goal from Ryan Cresswell. The doubts this time, however, were over whether Evans was offside when he netted the equaliser.

Wilder said: "I turned around straight away and looked at our supporters in the area of the stand, and to a man they were all up on their feet. He looked offside, but it's still a great ball in and a good finish."

The town boss will now have to ensure his players come back after the Christmas break fit and fighting for a long trip up to York City on Boxing Day.

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Gibson and Harrison star in bruising contest as Northampton draw with Racing

Saints so close to a vital win

SMASH HIT: Northampton's Teimana Harrison stops Racing's Casey Laulala in a match where defences were on top

RUGBY UNION

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Northampton Saints flanker Jamie Gibson believed his side came closest to winning the match against Racing 92 in the Champions Cup, which finished in a 9-9 draw last Friday night.

In a match featuring some outstanding defence from both teams, the closest either came to scoring was after 67 minutes, when Jamie Elliott was somehow held up over the line following George Pisi's charge down of Brice Dulin's clearance.

The Saints didn't allow themselves to be bullied in the way they were in their 33-3 defeat in Paris the previous week, but couldn't quite grind out the win against one of the strongest line-ups in Europe.

Gibson said: "We got stuck in early doors and we felt we played more of the attacking rugby, especially in the second half, but when you're up against that sort of quality you have to take your chances and we were close.

"They've got good players and any mistakes, they're going to jump on and today we really tightened up. We were physical from the start and there was no let-up for the full 80 minutes.

"I think you saw at the end that there were a couple of times where our defensive pressure really got into their heads and we had opportunities right at the end because of it."

The match also featured 20-year-old Paul Hill being thrust into the limelight when Kieran Brookes was forced off with a twisted knee after just 27 minutes.

The young man signed from Bristol in the summer was penalised in a crucial scrum five-metres from the Racing line, but otherwise acquitted himself very well against high-calibre opposition, in what was his longest run-out for the Saints so far.

Gibson said: "Hilly is a young player and he may not have the name that Brooksey has, but he's come on in the last few weeks and he's made a big difference when he's come on to the pitch.

"I suppose there's a few young English tightheads making a name for themselves and he's one of them.

"He brings a lot of power and weight there, but he works hard, he gets the ball in his hands, he makes some good tackles around the pitch and you could see from some of those scrums at the end – against some of the best players in the world – he's pushing them backwards."

Gibson's fellow flanker Teimana Harrison was named man of the match after a terrific display where he was a constant menace to Racing at the breakdown, pilfering possession on several occasions.

The 23-year-old Kiwi has had to be patient in waiting for a run in the side, but he has grabbed his chance with both hands since stepping in for Tom Wood, who has missed the last three games with a shoulder injury.

Harrison said: "I'm hoping to secure a spot in the Saints team and I'm just taking it week by week, playing my heart out and hopefully coming out with a good result.

"It's a bit frustrating hanging around, waiting for that shot – it might only come once a year – so I've got to take it."

Harrison also believes that, despite being second in their pool, the draw with Racing has put them into a good position to qualify when the competition resumes in January.

"I think this does restore some pride," he said. "We'd been saying all week that they're not much better than us and that they had a few lucky bounces and they were in at the corner, so the performance tonight was great. It's quite disappointing obviously that we didn't get the win, but it puts us in a good spot.

"I still think it's in our own hands. We'll take it week by week and give it a good go against Glasgow at home – then we're off to the Scarlets, so we'll see what happens."

It's back to league action for the Saints on Boxing Day, as they travel to the Madejski Stadium to face London Irish, who are bottom of the Premiership and without a point from six matches.

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